Survey and investigation of 8 projects are under progress for preparation of Detailed Project Report. The Board has taken up the execution of Pagladiya Dam Project at a cost of Rs. 542.90 crore through Central funding. Infrastructure development is in progress. The Board has acquired about 956 ha. of land for Rehabilitation and Resettlement from Government of Assam. Harang Drainage Development Scheme is also under execution.

(c) To provide maximum benefits to the North-East States, the Brahmaputra Board is actively involved in preparation of Master Plans for Water Resources Management, Survey and Investigation Works for preparation of Detailed Project Reports of identified Drainage Development Schemes and for multipurpose dam projects, watershed management and anti erosion schemes in different States of North-Eastern region.

(d) No, Sir

Cross Border Trade through North-Eastern States

*39. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the border points developed and opened for promotion of border trade with the neighbouring countries through North-Eastern borders indicating infrastructure created, list of items finalized for export-import through bilateral agreements, State-wise;

(b) the quantum of trade as well as item-wise demand for cross border trading;

(c) the action taken and achievements made on the recommendations of the Standing Committee of Commerce *vide* its 36th report including the recommendations of the inter-ministerial task force on border trade; and

(d) the role and present status of IIFT in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) There are 37 border points developed and open for promotion of border trade with the neighbouring countries through North Eastern Region. There are 16 points in Assam out of which 5 are functional. There are 10 points in Meghalaya out of which 8 are functional. There are 8 points in Tripura out of which 5 are functional. There are 2 points in Mizoram and 1 in Manipur and all of them are functional. The

infrastructure created in these points include Roads, Banking Facilities and Telecom.

(b) The quantum of trade is as follows :—

Name of the Country	Total Exports (2001-2002) (Rupees in Cr)	Total Imports (2001-2002) (Rupees in Cr.)
Bangladesh	3213.97	196.59
Myanmar	153.79	627.40

The major items of exports to these countries include Cotton Yarn, Wheat, Machinery and Instruments, Fresh Fruits and Dairy Products. The major items of imports from these countries include Inorganic Chemicals, Silk, Pulses, Oil Seeds, Transport Equipments etc.

(c) The status of the action taken on the recommendations made in the 36th Report of the Standing Committee of Commerce is as follows :—

(i) Export Promotion Industrial Parks have been sanctioned for Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur and Nagaland. So far Rs. 29.61 crores have been released to these States under the scheme.

(ii) Tea Board, Rubber Board, Coffee Board, Spices Board and Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) have opened their offices at different locations in the North-Eastern Region for boosting exports of agricultural, horticultural and plantation products.

(iii) So far 21 projects have been sanctioned under Critical Infrastructure Balance Scheme for various North Eastern States and an amount of Rs. 41.69 crores has been sanctioned. Under the Export Development Fund Scheme, 16 projects have been sanctioned for North Eastern States and an amount of Rs. 7.5 crores has been sanctioned.

(iv) NH No. 31 in Assam, NH Nos. 40, 51 and 62 in Meghalaya, NH No. 44 in Tripura and NH No. 39 in Manipur States connecting neighbouring countries *viz.*, Bangladesh and Myanmar are being maintained in a traffic-worthy condition within the availability of funds. Highway from Karimganj to Sutarkhandi on Indo-Bangladesh border in Assam has been declared as NH No. 151.

(d) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade is playing a very active role in the development of North Eastern Region. It has carried out export potential studies of various North Eastern States. The Institute has also done various seminars and certificate courses in various North Eastern States.

LPG connections under Deepam Scheme in A.P.

*40. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of releasing LPG connections under Deepam Scheme in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the quantum of monthly kerosene quota which has been surrendered by the State in lieu of LPG connections;

(c) whether surrendering of kerosene quota has affected the small quantity users of the commodity; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have released 16.34 lakh LPG connections as on 31st May, 2002 under the Deepam Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) As per the Deepam Scheme, monthly kerosene allocation @ 5 litres per LPG connection is reduced.

(c) and (d) The small quantity users would not be affected, as the reduction had been effected, as per the quantum agreed to by the State Government, on the new LPG connections under the Deepam Scheme on the assumption that these LPG consumers would not require any SKO allocation.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Posting of CISF personnel at airports

52. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to entrust the security of all airports in the country to the Central Industrial Security Force;